



Meeting: Abkhazi Advisory Board
Date: Tuesday June 16
Time: 2 pm
Location: Zoom meeting

Notes

1. Present: Cathy Armstrong, Cherie Miltimore, Pam Madoff and Marg Palmer (for Friends)
2. Operations Report
 - 1. New Abkhazi Site Manager Cherie Miltimore
Welcome to Cherie who brings a volunteer management and media relations background. Cherie organized the CHEKTV visit for the Upside feature with Ed Bain and Jeff King which resulted in increased attendance. Recommendation to approach CBC for a remote telecast, Sharon MacKay, Helen Chestnut in the Times Colonist, Neighbours of Fairfield Magazine, Invite Lt. Gov and Mayor to celebrate 20 years since saving the Garden, Focus Magazine, Vic News, Louise Dixon, CTV, Bulletin Board at entrance to feature what is happening, recruit volunteers and promote other gardens. Cherie is in discussion with City of Victoria on what is permitted. Suggestion that we need to check property lines to know where City/abkhazi boundary lies.
 - 2. Abkhazi opening and Covid procedures
The Garden opened on the May long weekend with covid protocols in place which include a sign indicating physical distancing, sanitation stations, masks for volunteers, and now includes plexiglass for gate greeters.
 - 3. Teahouse update
Reopened June 2
 - 4. New Square for debit/credit card donations
Good response to new cellphone for gate greeters to accept donations via Square
 - 5. Plant Sales at kiosk
new shelving installed by Jim Sharp along fence behind kiosk to sell plants
 - 6. New Abkhazi video tour by Karen Iwachow
TLC has created a 15 minute video tour of Abkhazi Garden featuring Marg Palmer and

Sue Hara. Available via TLC website and Facebook. Or searchable on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJUYQ2VR4xo> Abkhazi Garden Video Tour 2020

3. Correspondence or feedback (letters, emails, conversations) (none)
4. Other Business – Friends of Abkhazi update by Marg
Membership total 52. Provided funds for new pump in the pond (\$579) and have voted to support an arbor for the Wisteria and the re-landscaping of the front boulevard project
5. Next Meeting **Tuesday July 21 – 11 am by Zoom**
6. Adjournment